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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 of 21 December 1987, 45/248 B, section VI, of 21 December 1990, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 58/269 and 58/270 of 23 December 2003 and 59/275, 59/276 and 59/278 of 23 December 2004, and paragraphs 161 to 167 of its resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005,

Reaffirming the respective mandates of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in the consideration of the proposed programme budget,

Having considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007,[1] as well as other reports[2] and programme budget implication statements[3] of the Secretary-General, the relevant reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[4] and the Committee for Programme and Coordination[5] thereon,

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[1] A/60/6 (Introduction), A/60/6 (Sects. 1-35), A/60/6 (Income sects.1-3), A/60/6/Corr.1-5, A/60/6(Sect.3)/Corr.1, and A/60/6(Sect.13)/Add.1.

[2] A/59/397, A/60/303, A/60/363 and A/60/537.

[3] A/60/360, A/60/396, A/60/532, A/C.5/60/12, A/C.5/60/14, A/C.5/60/15, A/C.5/60/16, A/C.5/60/17, A/C.5/60/20, A/C.5/60/21, A/C.5/60/23, A/C.5/60/24 and A/C.5/60/SR.35.

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/60/7 and Corr.1) and A/60/7/Add.1-5, Add.13 and Corr.1 and 2, Add.14-22 and Add.22/Corr.1 and Add.26-30 and A/C.5/60/SR.35.

[5] Ibid., *Supplement No. 16* and corrigendum (A/60/16 and Corr.1).

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1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

2. *Also reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as contained in paragraphs 61, 67 and 106 to 122 of its report;[5]

4. *Notes* that consideration of the programme narratives contained in the revised estimates will follow consideration thereof by the Committee for Programme and Coordination no later than September 2006;

5. *Endorses*, subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and without establishing a precedent, the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning posts and non-post resources as contained in chapter II of its report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007,[6] and its resource recommendations in all the revised estimates, including the 2005 World Summit Outcome[7] and in the reports of the Advisory Committee on the programme budget implication statements relating to the decisions taken by other Main Committees;

6. *Decides* that the staffing table for each year of the biennium 2006-2007 shall be as set out in annex I to the present resolution;

7. *Also decides* to extend for the biennium 2006-2007 the experiment approved under paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 58/270, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its sixty-first session on the implementation of the experiment;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to utilize the arrangements referred to in paragraph 7 above to identify available posts to provide for the new post requests referred to in paragraphs IV.2, IV.28 and IV.29 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[6] on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, as well as in paragraph 5 of the second report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[8]

9. *Recalls* its decision in paragraph 3 (b) of its resolution 59/313 of 12 September 2005, and endorses the proposals contained in paragraph 3 of the statement of the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/59/L.69/Rev.1;[9]

10. *Decides* to provide resources at the level sought by the Secretary-General in his statement of programme budget implications[10] arising in respect of the draft resolution relating to Rwanda outreach and its amendment;[11]

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[6] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/60/7 and Corr.1).

[7] See resolution 60/1.

[8] A/60/7/Add.1.

[9] A/C.5/59/35/Rev.1.

[10] A/C.5/60/20.

[11] A/60/L.34 and A/60/L.35

11. *Recognizes* the need for limited discretion in budgetary implementation for the Secretary-General within defined parameters to be agreed by the General Assembly along with clear accountability mechanisms to the Assembly for its use, on the basis of recommendations of the Secretary-General to be provided to the Assembly at the resumed part of its sixtieth session;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to achieve further efficiencies in non-post resources, and therefore decides to adjust non-post provisions covered in paragraph 5 above by a pro rata reduction of 1.75 per cent to be applied to all sections of the programme budget;

13. *Recognizes* that amendments to the provisions of the present resolution would stem from any decisions by the General Assembly in accordance with established procedures in response to proposals of the Secretary-General relating to paragraphs 161 to 167 of its resolution 60/1;

14. *Decides* that the Development Account will be recosted for the biennium 2006-2007, and, in this context, requests the Secretary-General to pursue the relevant proposals in his report[12] and to provide at the sixty-first session of the General Assembly recommendations on how additional resources in the region of $5 million could be added to the Development Account.

[12] A/59/397.

Annex

Staffing table for 2006 and 2007

Category	*2006-2007*
Professional and above	
Deputy Secretary-General	1
Under-Secretary-General	29
Assistant Secretary-General	21
D-2	90
D-1	257
P-5	745
P-4/3	2 501
P-2/1	491
Subtotal	**4 135**
General Service	
Principal level	278
Other level	2 710
Subtotal	**2 988**
Other	
Security Service	306
Local level	1 849
Field Service	183
Trades and Crafts	176
Subtotal	**2 514**
Total	9 637